

An Artistic Discovery 2004

Annual Congressional Art Competition for High School Students

INFORMATION

An Artistic Discovery is the annual nationwide Congressional High School Art Competition initiated by the Members of the U.S. House of Representatives in their Congressional Districts. Following the competition of the local competition, each Congressperson has the opportunity to have one award-winning artwork displayed in a national exhibition in Washington, D.C. to represent his or her Congressional District. In order to allow a work of art to hang in the U.S. Capitol, the following guidelines are provided by the House of Representatives:

GUIDELINES

- The competition is open to high school students only.
- Artwork must be two dimensional, no longer than 32 inches by 32 inches when framed and no more than 4 inches in depth including the outside dimensions of the frame.
- Entries must fall within the following categories:
 - Paintings (oil, acrylics, watercolor, etc.)
 - Drawings (pastels, colored pencil, pencil, charcoal, ink, markers, etc.)
 - Collage: must be two dimensional
 - Prints (lithographs, silkscreen, block prints)
 - Mixed media
 - Computer generated art
 - Photography

Artwork that will not be accepted includes:

- Sculpture
- Jewelry
- Ceramics
- Weaving/fabrics
- Stained glass
- All 3D artwork
- Artwork must be matted and frame-ready when exhibited. If selected as the winning entry, the artist will be responsible for supplying a frame (see reverse for framing guidelines).
- Each entry must be an original in concept, design and execution and may not violate any U.S. copyright laws. An attached form must be signed by the teacher and the student to certify the originality of the piece.
- Final decision regarding suitability for exhibition in the Capitol is left to the discretion of a panel of qualified experts chaired by the Architect of the Capitol.
- Artwork must arrive at Congressman Blumenauer's Portland office at 729 NE Oregon Street #115 by 5pm on Friday, May 7th, with an entry form completed and attached to the back of the artwork.

